

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Reto Lerf <i>et al.</i> (formerly Reto Lerf)
Appl. No.	:	10/519,338
PCT Filing Date	:	May 27, 2003
For	:	OPEN-PORE METAL COATING FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT IMPLANTS AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION
Examiner	:	Unknown
Group Art Unit	:	1763

STATEMENT OF HANS SCHMOTZER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, Hans Schmotzer, do declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of Switzerland and reside at Spirgartenstr 19 b, CH-8048, Zurich-Alstetten, Switzerland.
2. The above-referenced patent application was filed listing Reto Lerf as the sole inventor.
3. The above-referenced patent application is a U.S. National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/005586, filed on May 27, 2003 and published in German on January 8, 2004 as WO 04/002544, which claims priority to German Applications DE 102 28 746.5, filed June 27, 2002, and DE 102 43 101.9, filed September 17, 2002.
4. I believe that I, Hans Schmotzer, should also be named as an inventor in the above-referenced application.
5. The inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are

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punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document, or any registration resulting therefrom.

Dated: June 14th 2006 Hans Schmotzer
Dr. Hans Schmotzer

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